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**TO: ALL VIRGINIA WING SENIOR MEMBERS AND CADETS  
COMMANDERS PLEASE POST**

**FROM: HQ, VIRGINIA WING, Administrative Assistant, Terry Picha**

**UNIT NEWSLETTER:** It is very important that you share this Newsletter with all Members of your Unit. Please review this material at your unit meeting and post a copy on your Bulletin Board so that it will be available to ALL members. (Members can't participate if you do not tell them about coming events). This Bulletin is posted on the Virginia Wing Website as a PDF document.

**JULY**

6-10 National Cadet Competition, Wright Patterson AFB  
10 Unit Commanders Course, VAWG HQ  
17-18 WG SAREVAL, Chesterfield  
20 S U I, Leesburg Composite Squadron  
16-31 IACE

**REPORTS DUE: (Required by NHQ &/or Wing CC)**

- 5** - Corp. Vehicle Daily Reports
- 5** Chaplain Report – Semi Annual
- 10** - VA Wg A/C Utilization Reports due (Including Checks)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr. Safety Report
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr. Public Affairs Report and Monthly Report
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr. Aerospace Education Report
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1-6 IACE  
1-7 8-13 Grand Slam, Mountain Empire, VA  
10 S U I, Hummel Flight  
19 S U I Hampton Roads Composite Squadron  
20-22 Mountain Flying Clinic, Group 1  
28 Counter Drug Training

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**1. WING COMMANDER** – Greetings to all. Let me thank everyone in Virginia Wing for your thoughts, prayers, Get Well Cards, emails and phone calls of support and good cheer! As you know, I was hospitalized for emergency surgery late in May. I had a cancerous tumor removed at that time, and recovery has been slower than I would like. I have no pain from the operation, but will be starting a chemotherapy regimen in late June. The same therapy will repeat in late July. I am uncertain of the side effects that may arise, so I am preparing to be very tired during the treatments at the least.

Lt Col Rick Moseley has been acting commander in my place since 1 June. I have arranged to keep him on in that position until 1 September. He has been doing a fine job of keeping the Wing moving forward. I

ask that you support him as you would me, until I am strong enough to return as the VAWG Commander on a full time basis.

Once again, thanks for thoughts and prayers, they are what sustains me while the healing makes the body stronger!

**2. CHIEF-of-STAFF** – Please join in congratulating Cadet Lt Col Patrick Bennett from Roanoke who has just received confirmation of the success in passing the most prestigious Spaatz award. In addition to this achievement, Patrick will be entering the Air Force Academy in July and we wish him the very best of success in this exciting phase of his career path.

Please congratulate Capt Susan Parson. The National Association of Flight Instructors (NAFI) announced a significant aviation accomplishment on the part of Susan K. Parson, a special assistant in the FAA's General Aviation and Commercial Division and a resident of Falls Church, VA. Recently Susan was designed a Master Certified Flight Instructor by NAFE. Susan is one of only 10 in the state of Virginia.

All Unit Commanders: Be advised, the National Operations Center has started testing the HF and FM Communications Systems by sending out formal message traffic that is to be read over the HF and FM nets only. The first message, # 601 was acknowledged by at least 3 VAWG stations tonight. Those stations will be expected to pass it on to all other units in the wing via the wing and/or group radio nets this week. To make sure the message is being passed, the NOC is going to randomly call unit commanders to verify receipt of the message.

The reasons are two fold for this test.

1. To make sure we can communicate with each other as we advertise to federal agencies.
2. We have received a substantial amount of new equipment paid for with Federal Funds. We need to show that we are using that equipment in the manner intended in the enabling legislation.

If you are aware of organizations/foundations that offer grants for educational purposes, working with young people, drug reduction efforts, advance training in first aid, CPR, etc for young people and adults please forward that information to the Admin Assistant, Terry Picha at [admin@vawg.cap.gov](mailto:admin@vawg.cap.gov). Our goal is to develop a lead list of organizations that we can request grants from. We will need name of organization, website, phone, address-whatever information you can provide us.

There will be one Wing Wide Commanders call every quarter at which all wing staff, group commanders and unit commanders will be expected to attend. One of these meetings will be the Wing Conference. The Wing calendar has been amended to reflect these changes. Currently, Commanders Calls are scheduled for: September 11 and Nov 6 2004.

### **3. SAFETY NIGHT-TIME DRIVING INCREASES CHANCES OF ACCIDENTS** By: Staff Sergeant Bart Craven (USAF)

Many people dislike working at night, and the reason is usually simple. It can be harder to function at night than it is in the daytime.

Darkness can make driving to and from work a challenging job. It can be dangerous too. According to the National Safety Council, fatal vehicle accidents increase sharply during the hours of darkness. In fact, statistics show chances of being involved in some type of accident are about three times greater at night than during daylight hours.

There are things to do, facts to know and techniques that can be used to reduce the chance of a mishap and ensure safe night-time operations. Safety Officials recommend the following tips to make trips to and from night shift safer.

- Before leaving work centers or home, make sure vehicle headlights, taillights and directional signals are operational.

- Keep an operational flashlight and reflective belt attached to an outermost garment.
- Make sure headlights and windshield are clean both inside and outside.

- When driving at night, use extreme caution because even familiar surroundings may seem different.
- Wait five minutes before driving after leaving a lighted building; it takes a few minutes for eyes to adjust to the dark.
- Do not wear any kind of sunglasses at night; there are no glasses designed to reduce headlight glare at night; any lens that reduces the brightness of headlights also reduces the light reflected from dimly lit objects at the side of the road, particularly pedestrians.
- When following another vehicle at night, keep low beams on so the other driver will not be blinded.
- Switch lights from high to low beams when an oncoming vehicle is about 500 feet away; also, when behind another vehicle use low beams within 300 feet of that car's rear.
- Limited vision at night reduces the amount of stopping time when trouble is spotted; reduce speed accordingly.
- Look ahead into the areas that are only faintly illuminated; the faint glow of a distant headlight or some movement may be an early alert to a hazard.
- Never stop on any roadway at night; it is hard for an approaching driver to tell whether or not a stopped car is moving until it's too late.
- Take curves slower at night; Headlights point straight ahead and shine off the road which reduces the view of the road considerably.
- Switch to low beams in fog or snow; high beams will reflect more off fog and snow
- Last and most importantly, **never drink and drive**. Besides the obvious reasons, alcohol can drastically slow the direct affect of the eye's sensitivity.

**4. VIRGINIA WING ANNUAL CONFERENCE** will be held November 5 – 7 2004 at the Wyndham Roanoke Hotel in Roanoke Virginia. There is a conference committee this year working to make this a great weekend. The committee consists of Lt Col Marcia Cramer, Major Chris Whitehead, Capt Chuck Cranford, Capt Christina McCrainie, C/Col Stu Sibert and Lt. Terry Picha. Group 1 is hosting the conference this year and Major Ami Iacono will be our contact in the Roanoke area.

Some ideas we are working on are off site activities for cadets Saturday night, possible music and dancing after conference, spouse activity geared toward husband or wife. Also an area set up to make CAP picture ID cards! If you have ideas you would like addressed, please email them to [admin@vawg.gov](mailto:admin@vawg.gov) and they will be brought before the committee.

The Wyndham Roanoke is a beautiful hotel located close to interstates and the airport. The rooms will be double or kings and are bright and airy. The restaurant is reasonably priced and the food is good. The room rates are Single \$59.0 and Double \$79.00.

This year, the conference has been set up to pay for itself. In past years, the conference has set the Wing back quite a few dollars. With the financial burdens of increased airplane costs and reductions of monies from other sources, the Wing can not absorb the extra costs. Saying this, the cost of the Full Conference is \$75.00, the Dinner Only category \$30.00 and Saturday only is \$45.00. Dinner will be a choice of Chicken Florentine; or Roast Sliced Sirloin of Beef.

Registration forms went out on the Info list, Command list and the Staff list. It is also posted on the Wing Over Virginia Website.

#### **5. WING NEWS- "TAPS"**

Major John T. Scott, Past Commander of Shenandoah Senior Squadron 6/15/2004

Captain Jerry Hensley, Commander Martinsville Composite Squadron, 6/18/2004

Please remember the families of Major Scott and Captain Hensley. They will need their CAP family more now than ever.

The next time you are online at home, log in the National HQ. Pull up your personal record and check all the information. Don't forget to check your area code, phone number, home and email address. Wing Admin cannot change this information for you-you must do it yourself. The information in your record at National is used by the VAWG Paperless website. If it is not correct, you may be missing out.

There's a web site available to squadron commanders: <http://www.SquadronCommand.com> Its' purpose is to connect commanders in discussions and conversations about building effective units. In a volunteer organization like CAP, this type of resource and communication between members is critical. This site was developed by the Evergreen Cadet Squadron of Colorado Wing.

6. **PERSONNEL-** Dues for membership in Civil Air Patrol are Senior Member \$49; Cadet \$39; for Renewal SM \$39 and Cadet \$23.

7. **PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE-** The PAO report is not a quarterly report; it is **monthly** and due on the 10th of each month. **It does not go on the quarterly report form.** Negative reports are required.

8. **CHAPLAIN** - Attention all Chaplains, Moral Leadership Officers and Unit Commanders:

This is to remind you that semi-annual reports regarding chaplain service and moral leadership activities are due to me by 5 July 2004. This report is to cover the period 1 January - 30 June 2004. Let me remind you how this works:

1. **CHAPLAINS AND MORAL LEADERSHIP OFFICERS:** If you are a Chaplain or Moral Leadership Officer, you are required to report your activities on CAPF 34, even if you have no activity to report. If I do not receive a CAPF 34 from you, I will be calling you. Repeated failure to report could result in the loss of your appointment as a CAP Chaplain or MLO (*read the fine print in CAPR 265-1*).

2. **CADET & COMPOSITE UNITS WITH NO CHAPLAIN OR MLO:** If you are a unit commander of a Cadet or Composite unit, then you are required to report how you have accomplished the Moral Leadership component of your Cadet Program during this reporting period. Here is how this works:

A) If you do NOT have a Chaplain or MLO (as defined by CAPR 265-1), then please **DO NOT** send me a CAPF 34.

B) If there is any confusion about whether you are a Chaplain or MLO or not, if your listing in the NHQ CAPWATCH (not the VAWG Paperless Wing) system does not show you as a Chaplain or Moral Leadership Officer, then you are not one. If you have been appointed by your unit commander to lead Moral Leadership in your unit in the absence of a Chaplain, Moral Leadership Officer or visiting clergy, then you are simply a senior member instructing this component of the Cadet Program, and you need to proceed to item (C) below.

(C) EMAIL or FAX (757-583-1388) the following information:

- (1) Unit Name/Charter #.
- (2) Unit Commander's name and contact information.
- (3) Number of Moral Leadership Sessions held in the reporting period 1 January - 30 June 2004.
- (4) Name of person(s) who led the Moral Leadership sessions.
- (5) IF THIS PERSON IS VISITING CLERGY, I need FULL contact information on this person.

3. **DO NOT SEND YOUR REPORTS TO WING HQ.** Please email them directly to me at this email address, or fax to me at 757-583-1388. If you need to send something via surface mail, send it to: 113 W. Ocean Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23503-4315.

4. Note that the reporting deadline is **5 July 04**. Units not complying will be referred to Group Commanders for follow-up. Units still not reporting will be referred to the Wing Commander for appropriate action.

This is the same methodology that we have been using for the last 12 months in VAWG. We've tried to simplify it as much as possible, yet there are always units who do not report this information to us.

Moral Leadership *is not an optional part* of the Cadet Program. Please help us achieve 100% reporting compliance in this reporting period, especially since it will be examined closely in the upcoming Wing Inspection.

Some closing reminders: If you use visiting clergy, you may only use them for 6 months, and they must be accompanied at all times by the unit commander or a designee. Also, you cannot appoint a Chaplain or MLO on a CAPF 2a--it is a process coordinated through the Wing Chaplain and NHQ CAP/HC. If you have questions about this, consult CAPR 265-1 or contact me.

I look forward to hearing from your units! **Last reporting period we achieved 100% reporting from all units** (even though some units did not have any activity to report). As always, feel free to contact me with questions or for clarification.

9. **CADETS – The Air Force has designated the week of 4 – 11 July 2004 as Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Cadet Week to educate CAP cadets about the Air Force mission, show our support, and foster a closer working relationship between the CAP and our local installations. This week is**

**dedicated to over 27,000 youths who make service, patriotism and integrity a cornerstone of their lives through participation in CAP's cadet program. This is a great opportunity to foster a closer relationship between CAP and your local AF installation and to introduce your cadets to opportunities in an Air Force career.**

It is with great honor to announce that a Former Cadet and Mitchell Earner of the Martinsville Composite Squadron, Joshua Mundy will be marching in the Funeral Procession of former President Ronald Reagan. Joshua Mundy now a member of the Coast Guard was selected to be a member of the 50 man Coast Guard team that will participate in the Funeral of Former President Ronald Reagan. (This was submitted by Capt Jerry Hensley just before his death)

**10. DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION** – The requests for the '04-05 funds must be in VAWG Headquarters by 15 September 2004 to be included in the request to National DDR. Go to the National website, DDR, to download the request form. If you need more information, or help completing the form, email Lt Col Pat Kennedy at [patkennedy@mindspring.com](mailto:patkennedy@mindspring.com) or call VAWG HQ on Monday evening.

**11. EMERGENCY SERVICES** – The SAR EVAL scheduled for 17 July is the top priority for Emergency Services. As of this date, no additional funding for the year has been received, so there will be no funded flying conducted on Sunday, 18 July. All units are reminded to complete their unit alert roster information by the date requested. Each unit ES Officer and Group Commander has been provided a copy of the complete OPOD and the abbreviate OPOD has been distributed to the Wing through the list server.

Each Group Commander has received a unit assessment for the purpose of providing input to next year's training calendar. Squadrons that would like to provide input and suggestions to this process are encouraged to provide Group Commanders with relevant training requests and information.

Changes to CAPR 60-3 have spawned some changes to programs, policies and procedures within the Wing. An interim advisory was distributed earlier this month that highlighted salient changes. The ES Specialty Rating Procedures Guide is changed and posted on the Paperless Wing. This is an interim change with additional refinements expected within a few days. The ES Supplement to CAPR 60-3 is shortened to reflect the most current elements in the regulation and has been sent to MER for approval and forwarding. A draft is posted on the Paperless Wing. The Supplement to CAPR 60-4 is not affected.

There have been several inquiries recently about participation with the American Red Cross (ARC), given changes in both the ARC's organizational changes and the expanding involvement of the CAP National Operations Center (NOC). Guidance specifically from the NOC is that ALL ARC requests for CAP should be directed through the NOC. If the NOC determines that a mission number is not appropriate, units should still contact the Command Staff, DO or DOS for an activity number and funding adjudication. Units are further reminded that non Air Force Approved Missions (AFAM) do not carry the full insurance provided with Air Force Mission Numbers.

With respect to mission paperwork, most mission pilots and DF team leaders do a fairly good job of getting their 104/109s submitted to Wing HQ within the required 14 days. For any reason, should the 14 days pose an insurmountable problem, the affected person should contact the Director of Emergency Services to make alternate arrangements. Also, PICs/Team Leaders should identify on their respective forms that performed the function of briefing officer. Normally, this is the IC for ELT missions.

There have been several requests concerning the status of the Wing's participation in the MIMS program. National Headquarters' latest incarnation of the MIMS requirements now leads us to believe that Virginia Wing will be able to upload and use our existing database to populate the MIMS system. This means that the Wing should be able to effect a bulk upload of our data and that we will not need to manage ES specialty ratings at the task level (we will continue to use the evolved version of the 101T, now known as the Skill Qualification Training Record (SQTR). The advantage that MIMS offers is the ability of each member to review and print his/her ES qualifications in a fashion similar to CAPWATCH. Additionally, MIMS should be able to integrate on-line testing with our database. This means that, when

this system becomes operational, 101 cards can be obtained instantly and that members need not submit CAPT 116 or 117 diplomas when renewing their ES ratings.

**12. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT - 2004 Unit Commanders Course;**

10-11 Jul 04; VAWG HQ. Student applications for the UCC course can be sent to the ETP office starting 1 May 2004. This course is for all Unit Commanders, Vice Commanders and for anyone who may or will assume a command position within the next year. All unit commanders who did not attend this class last year and all new unit commanders are expected to attend. If you are unable to attend you must personally contact the wing commander, Col Cramer, and explain your situation. If the unit commander cannot attend, the vice commander must represent the unit.

This is to be a two (2) day course. Sign in will begin each morning at 0730 with the first class to begin at 0800 and dismissed each day at 1700.

Students taking this course will not receive a step towards completion of a professional development level. But, in order to receive credit on their capwatch inquiry for attendance, and a certificate of completion, students must attend the entire course.

In the near future, additional information will be provided concerning hotel accommodations in the area. Transportation will be provided to area hotels for those flying in for the weekend. Prior to the class, the actual course schedule will be published.

Please begin notifying me as soon as possible who will be attending from your unit. Priority will be given to current unit commanders and vice commanders. If space is available, we will accept applications from other members of your staff on a first come/first served basis. If you have someone who would like to attend and is not currently serving in a command position, please notify me who that person is and your/their reasons for wanting this person to attend. I need to know the name, grade, CAP ID, unit number of all persons planning on attending. Major J. Bateman [jbateman@cap-group5-vawg.org](mailto:jbateman@cap-group5-vawg.org).

**13. AEROSPACE EDUCATION** I am pleased to announce that Virginia Wing has won the 2003 Aerospace Education (AE) Mission Award taking 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Middle East Region. This was based the final Wing Activity Report and the 2004 Plan of Action that were submitted this past February and March. I am very pleased that the Wing has earned this Award but it was only possible through your individual unit reporting efforts. Without those inputs I would have had very little to report.

I am now taking the opportunity to ask all Unit AE's and Commanders to submit their 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter AE Activity Reports to me by 10 July 2004. Remember our performance in the AE Program determines how much funding the USAF and National Headquarters will give us next year. Please give me your inputs for next year's Plan of Action (POA) whenever you can.

I noticed that AEO's were recently sent a memorandum from Jeff Montgomery at NHQ on evaluating the rocketry program. He has included a pre test for those who have not started the program and a post test to be given when the program is completed. If you have any questions about the rocketry program you can call him at (334) 953-7572.

I still have not seen any interest in holding a model aircraft or space vehicle contest at the Wing Conference. I would like to order a trophy for this event but do not want to unless I get some idea of what the participation would be.

I will be serving as a member of the Venue Committee for NCASE 2006 which meets on 31 August. The latest press release concerning NCASE 2006 can be found at <http://www.cap.gov/mediacenter/releases/updateconference.html> .

I would like to congratulate our newest AEO, SM Jake Kwon on stepping into his role as Cadet Programs Aerospace Education Officer for the Southside Composite Squadron. Welcome aboard Jake!

**14. GLIDER NEWS** - Members of the Virginia Wing assisted Maryland CAP on Wednesday, June 23, during their Annual Cadet Glider Academy activity at Frederick, Md. A total of 29 glider cadet "O" rides were completed on this day alone.

Both Virginia gliders were used during the weeks flying of Cadets. The I-26 was used for pilot proficiency.

Capt. Steve Lander, Virginia Wing Glider Director, was a glider "O" pilot and also issued a glider Form 5 to a MD pilot. Capt. Rudy Fraterrigo, member of Winchester Composite Squadron assisted in ground operations. LtCol Jim Truxel, Group 3 CC, acted as Air Boss.

The Maryland Maule was used as the tow aircraft. As the entire operation operates from a grass runway adjacent to the power aircraft active runway extensive coordination is required to insure safety is not compromised. During calm wind operations the glider was towed from RW 30 with a right traffic departure. After releasing the glider the Maule landed on RW 12, dropped the tow rope (separate tow ropes were required as gliders had different hookups) and by the time it was repositioned the next glider was ready to depart.

The glider already in the air positioned itself for a left downwind entry as soon as the tow aircraft with glider in tow departed RW30. The glider then landed on RW12, stopping at a predetermined "spot landing contest" spot, turned around and another Cadet was being prepared for departure as soon as the Maule returned.

Tow vehicles were on standby and positioned at a mid field location should ground towing be required.

The Virginia glider was air towed back to Winchester Thursday evening and Lt Col Stanton, Lt Col Truxel and Capt Rudy Fraterrigo were there to assist in the ground operation.

The Virginia glider is available for glider operations. We suggest Squadron CC's review the Group 3 glider page, select an open date and notify Lt Col Warren Vest, Group 3 glider coordinator.

The glider, Maule and Silverado will be relocated to CPK around Oct 1 for the winter operation.

## **Newsbreak**

**Fredericksburg Composite Squadron** – Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup> we enjoyed a fantastic day in Winchester during Glider Flights. It was a great experience for both senior members and cadets. Capt Janney was certified as an Airboss, Lt Renee Pleasant drove the glider tow truck and SM's Valerie Oergel and Jody Oergel both acted as Wing Runners and a flight in the Maule. Cadets SMSgt Joshua Storms, MSgt Rebekah Fulton, TSgt Jason Oergel, A1C Joseph Oergel acted as Wing Runners and enjoyed Glider Flights. Cadets TSgt Asia Pleasant, A1C Justin Hanson, Amn Cassie Lyons and Amn Tyson Janney experienced their first Glider Flights.

Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, we accepted an invitation from the Stafford County Sheriff's Office and Stafford County Public Schools to assist them in DARE Day. The event was held at Pratt Park and is part of a National Curriculum that provides students the opportunity to meet professionals who are living their dreams, making good choices by continuing to stay drug and violence free and are making a difference in the lives of others. Some 2200 students attended and both our Aerospace Education and CAP booth were over run with attendees. Members attending were – c/Maj David Dillie, c/Lt Julia Reisenwitz, c/TSgt Asia Pleasant, c/TSgt Jason Oergel, c/A1C Joseph Oergel, c/A1C Shae Travis, c/Amn Ashleigh Harbeck. SM support provided by Lt Col Frank Haas and SM Valerie Oergel.

Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, we attended the Stafford Middle School graduation event and set up our Aerospace Education booth and the CAP Recruiting and Public Relations table. Both tables were very active and numerous contacts were made with prospective cadets and seniors. Participating Cadets were – Lt Michael Goosman, Lt Julia Reisenwitz, MSgt Jason Goosman, A1C Shae Travis, A1C Justin Hanson, Amn Ashleigh Harbeck, Amn Ryan Rodriguez, Amn Sarah Euson. SM support provided by Lt Col Frank Haas.

Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> was an absolutely gorgeous day in Goldvein Virginia as we enjoyed our annual Squadron Picnic. Over 100 members, family members and guests attended this potluck social gathering. We played softball, soccer and football, had access to a playground and walking track and even enjoyed board games at the shelter. It was truly a great afternoon.

Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, Lt Col Frank Haas, Lt Richard Pleasant and c/Col Clifton Pleasant participated in an ELT search that resulted in a non-distress find. The location was the Med-Evac Helicopter at Stafford Regional Airport

Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, we put our Red Cross certification in "shelter operations" to use as we participated in the VOPEX Radiological Incident Training Exercises that are conducted bi-annually by FEMA. We witnessed and set up operations at both Chancellor High School and Prospect Heights Middle School. Civil Air Patrol received overwhelming recognition for our abilities and professionalism. Participating Cadets were – Col Clifton Pleasant, Maj David Dillie, MSgt Chris Dillie, MSgt Rebekah Fulton,

MSgt David Smith, TSgt Asia Pleasant, A1C Joseph Oergel, A1C Shae Travis and Amn Victoria Triana. SM support provided by Lt Richard Pleasant, Lt Renee Pleasant and SM Valerie Oergel.

Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, our squadron hosted a 9 hour Red Cross First Aid Course that was held at the Fredericksburg Red Cross Chapter. Attendees earned certifications in Adult/Child/Infant CPR and Community First Aid. The course was taught to both CAP members and the general public. Instructors were Lt Col Glen Davis and c/Col Clifton Pleasant. Instructor Aides were c/ Maj David Dillie, c/CMSgt Chris Dillie and c/TSgt Asia Pleasant. Participating members who received certification were – Lt Col Frank Haas, SM Valerie Oergel, c/TSgt Jason Oergel, c/SSgt Carly Garrett, c/A1C Joseph Oergel, c/Amn Victoria Triana, c/Amn Sarah Euson and c/Amn Ashleigh Harbeck.

Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, Air and Ground crew members attended the Group 3 SARCAP Exercise in Winchester. Lt Col Jim Stover participated as Ground Branch Director Trainee and Lt Gordon Alling participated as mission pilot. Ground crew participants were – c/Col Clifton Pleasant-Ground Team Leader, c/CMSgt Chris Dillie, c/ TSgt Jason Oergel, c/Amn Victoria Triana – Ground Team Members, c/A1C Joseph Oergel – Mission Base Assistant trainee.

Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 5 cadets traveled to Ft. Pickett as staff and on Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 22 Fredericksburg cadets arrived with the general population for Encampment 2004.

**Newport News Composite Squadron** - The NNCS has 4 new cadets. They are: C/AB M. Tegge, C/AB C. Tegge, C/AB Brown, & C/AB Rivera.

Eight NNCS cadets are attending VA Encampment. They are C/1Lt Sturdy, C/AB Thibodeau, C/TSgt Wingfield, C/Amn Bullis, C/A1C Goodman, C/A1C Herman, C/A1C Arnott, & C/Amn Jeter. C/1Lt Sturdy is the VA Encampment Communications Officer.

Several NNCS cadets have advanced in grade. They are: C/CMSgt Swartz, C/A1C Morrone, C/Amn Schroeder, C/Amn Newborg, C/Amn Thibodeau, C/SrAmn Herman, C/A1C Arnold and C/SrAmn Byrd. Group 5 commander Maj Joesph Bateman was present to promote C/2Lt Petkofsky, who received the Mitchell Award with parents and friends present. C/1Lt Sturdy was promoted at the same ceremony.

C/AB Becraft received the recruiter ribbon for recruiting both C/AB C. Tegge and C/AB M. Tegge. C/A1C Goodman received the Find ribbon for participation in Mission 04M1020 on 25-May-04. C/SrAmn Byrd also participated in the same mission for a second find credit. C/2Lt Petkofsky received the public service ribbon for 65 hours of documented public service.

C/2Lt Petkofsky, C/TSgt Wingfield, C/A1C Goodman, and C/A1C Morrone received the pre-solo wings. The AFA SOLO program training begins 5 July.

C/Amn Jeter transferred to the NNCS from the Byrd Field Cadet Squadron (VA-064).

In the spirit of CAP volunteerism, NNCS personnel (grade at that time) C/2Lt Taylor, C/AB Herman, C/CMSgt Petkofsky, C/Amn Goodman, C/SMSgt Swartz, C/AB Arnott, SM Dymen, C/AB Dymen, 2Lt Byrd, and C/Amn Byrd received official acknowledgement of their public service hours from the Director of the Hampton Roads Chapter of the American Red Cross on 29-Mar-2004. These cadets/parents volunteered 8 hours of public service at the Hampton Roads Red Cross and surrounding areas in the aftermath of Hurricane Isabel on 25-Sep-2003. More detail and pictures concerning this effort are available at: <http://www.geocities.com/phfcap/cadets/Isabel-2003/Isabel-2003.html>

The NNCS cadet pages are located at <http://www.geocities.com/phfcap/cadets>

**Hampton Roads Composite Squadron** continues to grow with over 50 members in its first year. We congratulate our Cadet Commander, C/Lt Col Tim Bateman on graduating high school this year and being chosen for IACE. We also congratulate our Cadet Executive Commander, C/2d Lt Deven Benkowitz on his graduation from high school and his acceptance into VMI. We are looking forward to continued growth and an exciting 2nd year as we approach our Squadron's first anniversary celebration on August 3rd.

**Hanover County Composite Squadron** Cadets and Senior Members attended the Langley AFB Airshow at the end of May, where the highlight of the flying program was a display by the USAF Thunderbirds.

Several Senior Members recently underwent Emergency Services training: FO William Smith completed GTM training at the two NATCAP GSAR training weekends; SM Robert Rice completed UDF training at the Group 4 training weekend; and 2d Lt Anthony Rhyne completed the requirements for Scanner rating.



SM Rice and 2d Lt Rhyne have also earned the Charles E. 'Chuck' Yeager Aerospace Education Achievement Award.

We are very proud to announce these cadet awards: c/SrA Andrew Hall has completed the requirements for the Wright Brothers Award, which we expect to see posted at the NHQ website very soon; c/Capt Taylor Wilson has earned Earhart Award #12683; and c/Lt Col George Belden has earned Eaker Award #1373.

**Leesburg Composite Squadron** - The big news in Leesburg was the appointment of Capt. Jan Gregory to the position of Director of Cadet Programs for Virginia Wing, effective immediately. Capt. Gregory has filled a number of important positions and roles in the Leesburg Squadron and will be missed. We wish her luck with her new position in wing.

Group staff member and Leesburg Senior, Capt. Susan Parson has earned the distinction of Master CFI from the National Association of Flight Instructors (NAFI). A title only 400 of the more than 81,000 CFI's in the country can claim.

Group 3 ES Officer Lt. Col. Duke Stanton gave a wonderful presentation to the Leesburg Seniors on changes in the ES regulations, ES training and Professional Development in the Virginia Wing. The presentation was attended by 28 members and appreciated by all.

Leesburg provided 8 ES qualified members for the Group 3 SARCAP held in Winchester June 20. The event went well and was a great training opportunity and a chance to practice ES in a simulated 'real world' environment in multiple scenarios.

**Southside Composite Squadron** – The squadron has been busy getting ready for encampment. A Red Cross First Aid class was held; A trip to Langley Air Force Base and we held a Family Portrait Fundraiser. C/Capt Laura Thiem was promoted not only to her present grade, but was appointed as Group Cadet Commander. Congratulations Laura!

**Prince William Composite Squadron** - Capt. Michael Conner and CMsgt Michael Conner of presented an outdoor activity safety seminar on 4 June 2004 at *The Black Belt Academy*, a martial arts school in Centreville, Virginia. The hour-long seminar was presented to a group of 14 children age 5-11. Those attending learned to avoid getting lost and what they should do if they find themselves lost in a wilderness area. The seminar included demonstrations, games, role playing, and discussion to teach children if they think they might be lost to stay in one place, find or make shelter for themselves, and how to be easy to find. Children were taught techniques to attract the attention of aircraft as well as foot searchers and not to be alarmed if they are found by a dog. Parents and older siblings were informed of how to activate the search and rescue system by calling 911 and the importance of prompt response to a search and rescue emergency.

**Roanoke Composite Squadron** – Lt Col Doug Kabler chaperoned Cadets Bonnie Lawrie, John Woodard, Hunter Williams Rick Richardson and Jessica Dunn to the Dulles Airport annex of the National Air and Space Museum.

C/SSgt Hunter Williams and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lts Don Hudson and "Andy Moser were promoted to their current grades.